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ITTEE: COSMOS 954 FOLLOW-ON DEVELOPMENTS

1. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH CANADA ET ALIA INTRODUCED WORKING
PAPER PROPOSING CREATION OF AD HOC TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP
ON QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES
IN SPACE, ESSENTIALLY SAME AS EARLIER TEXT COORDINATED
WITH INTERESTED AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON. DOCUMENT WAS IN-
TODUCED AT CLOSE OF MORNING SESSION WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

2. AT OPENING OF AFTERNOON SESSION SWEDEN OPENED WITH
SUPPORT FOR CANADIAN PAPER, FOLLOWED BY JAPAN. IT HAD
BEEN AGREED IN ADVANCE THAT US WOULD ENTER SUPPORTING DIS-
CUSSION ON CANADIAN PAPER TO MAKE GENERAL PRESENTATION ON
SPACE NUCLEAR PROGRAMS IN US. AS CHAIRMAN RECOGNIZED US,
SOVDEL CALLED POINT OF ORDER. USSR REQUESTED THAT MEETING
BE CLOSED TO PUBLIC TO AVOID ANY FURTHER UNNECESSARY SEN-
SATIONALISM IN THE PRESS AND TO PREVENT SUBCOMMITTEE

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SESSION BECOMING QUOTE MEDIA EVENT UNQUOTE. TELEVISION
FLOOD LIGHT ILLUMINATED ENTIRE ROOM. CHAIRMAN ASKED FOR
VIEWS OF DELEGATIONS ON SOVIET POINT OF ORDER. NO ONE
OFFERED TO SPEAK. USDEL EXPLAINED ITS INTENTION TO
COMMENT ON THE CANADIAN PAPER AND TO OFFER A FACTUAL PRE-
SENTATION FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON US
PRACTICES, POLICIES AND PLANS FOR USE OF NUCLEAR POWER

SOURCES IN SPACE. CHAIRMAN AGAIN REQUESTED VIEWS OF DEL-EGATIONS. NO ONE SPOKE. CHAIRMAN THEN SAID THAT IN LIGHT OF CONTENT OF EXPECTED US STATEMENT HE FELT SOVDEL MIGHT AGREE TO WITHDRAW POINT OF ORDER PERMITTING SUB-COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK, BUT REQUESTED ALL TV LIGHTS BE PUT OUT. LIGHTS WENT DOWN. USDEL COMMENCED 90 MINUTE PRESENTATION INCLUDING FILM ENTITLED SILENT POWER, PRESENTATION BY BERNARD ROCK (DOE) ON US SPACE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PRESENTATION BY TOM KERR (NASA) ON US PAST EXPERIENCE WITH MISSION ABORTS, CURRENT SAFETY POLICIES AND PRACTICES, A DESCRIPTION OF NATIONAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL MECHANISMS, AND US REPRESENTATIVE CON-CLUDED WITH SHORT STATEMENT ENDORSING USE OF NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES UNDER APPROPRIATE SAFETY STANDARDS AND REASSERTING US WILLINGNESS TO WORK TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATION-ALLY ACCEPTABLE REGIME THROUGH THE UN.

3. FOLLOWING US PRESENTATION PAKISTAN EXPRESSED ITS APPRE-CIATION TO US AND SUPPORTED CANADIAN PROPOSAL. ITALY DID LIKEWISE. JAPAN NOTED ITS EARLIER CALL FOR A FULL AND FRANK PRESENTATION OF FACTS CONCERNING USE OF NUCLEAR MAT-ERIAL IN SPACE BY LAUNCHING STATES. EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US PRESENTATION AND CALLED ON USSR DIRECTLY TO PRESENT ITS PROGRAM TO THE UN IN MANNER OF US PRESENTATION. AFTER-NOON SESSION ADJOURNED AT THIS POINT, SOVDEL NOT ASKING TO RESPOND TO JAPAN.

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4. AT EVENING COCKTAILS FOR ALL DELS HOSTED BY AUSTRALIA, MANY DELS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERED STRONG PRESSURE NOW ON SOVS TO ACCEPT SOME EFFORT TOWARD ESTABLISHING FACTUAL BASIS FOR FU-RTHER CONSIDERATION OF THIS SUBJECT IN THE UN. SOV-DEL INFORMALLY ADVISED USDEL MEMBERS THAT USSR CANNOT ACCEPT CREATION OF WORKING GROUP AT THIS TIME AND WILL SEEK TO REFER MATTER TO PARENT COMMITTEE FOR DECISION. THIS DOES NOT PRESAGE SOV CONCURRENCE IN TECHNICAL WORK-ING GROUP BUT FOR THE TIME BEING THEY HAVE APPARENTLY GIVEN UP ALL-OUT OPPOSITION.

5. SOVDEL (KOLOSOV) REMARKED PRIVATELY HE SEES VALUE TO US/USSR DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT PRIOR TO PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING. SOVS HAVE IN THE PAST ASKED FOR CONSULTATIONS ON OSC MATTERS. THEY DO NOT IN-TEND TO APPROACH SUBJECT THIS TIME BUT IF US RAISES DESIR-ABILITY OF TALKS KOLOSOV IMPLIED THAT SOVS WOULD RESPOND WITH INVITATION TO MOSCOW. KOLOSOV NOTED AGAIN THAT THE ISSUE MIGHT BE MORE CONSTRUCTIVELY DEALT WITH BILATERALLY RATHER THAN IN OSC. HE INTIMATED THAT IF ADDRESSED AT THE

SECSTATE/FOMIN LEVEL THIS LATTER SUBJECT MIGHT BE HANDLED
APPROPRIATELY. KOLOSOV ON THIS LATTER SUBJECT APPEARED
VAGUE AND NON-COMMITAL AND SUGGESTED SOME DIFFERENCE OF
OPINION ON STRATEGY BETWEEN SOV LEADERSHIP AND WORKING
LEVELS.

6. DEBATE ON COSMOS 954 IMPLICATIONS WILL CONTINUE
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